

Family & Entertainment

Arts and handicrafts are practical pursuits

Skills Development Center offers wide variety of creative skill shops, classes for all ages

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On base, skills development isn't some kind of remedial course or job training. The Skills Development Center is synonymous with arts, handicrafts and hobbies, which are practical pursuits.

That's good to know for those who are looking for an outlet for their creativity, a place to make friends, a way to save money on home decorating and furnishing, a time to involve their children in family projects and an opportunity to learn new creative skills.

There's a wide variety of classes available in the Skills Development Center, plus workshop space and equipment where you can spend time on woodworking, matting and framing, pottery, ceramics, painting and other projects of your own.

Now is a good time to plan your holiday presents and take advantage of the opportunities to create all kinds of gifts.

Classes planned for the upcoming months include:

Reed basket weaving. Weave a reed basket lamp, market basket, apple basket and swing basket that are functional as well as decorative.

Quilting. Applique a tabletop runner, and create a holiday pillow, a quilt that turns into a pillow, or a square lap quilt.

Woodworking. Learn different joinery, table saw, lathe turning, scroll saw and router techniques for furniture and accessories. Make a wooden pen, as well.

Matting and Framing. Create different types and shapes of mats and frames, including a shadow box, for your photos, art and presentations.

Ceramics and pottery. You can make appointments to learn ceramics and pottery techniques, from beginning to advanced.

Flower arranging and Bonsai flower arranging. Create bouquets and artful Bonsai arrangements that make a lasting impression in your home.

Year of the Family Kids Crafts. Each month is a special project for families to create together. Make a summer scrapbook Aug. 23 and a flip-up school-year calendar Sept. 20.

McChord artist wins cash award in Artist Craftsman Contest

Skills Development is involved with the yearly Air Force Artist Craftsman and Photography contests. Youth and adults can enter all types of creative projects, plus their photography.

The most recent Air Force-level Artist Craftsman Contest winner is Allina M. Kim with her paper quilling creation titled "Spring Garden." Kim's husband is an active duty airman stationed at McChord. Kim's accomplish-



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Projects include basket weaving, matting and framing, ceramics and woodworking.

ment brings her a \$200 check and a plaque.

Now's a great time to create what you will enter in this year's contest, and perhaps one of your Skills Development course creations will win you recognition and cash.

For more information about classes and contests, call Skills Development at 512-3726.



Squadrons can save money by training a member in craft

Practically speaking, the Skills Development Center is a must for squadrons. Squadrons need plaques, awards and presentations to give to their honored members, and Skills Development orders a number of photographs, aircraft models, mats, frames and plaques especially for them.

The staff at Skills Development usually fills these special gift and award orders. However, by sending selected squadron members to Skills Development woodworking, framing and matting classes in order to produce the awards themselves, squadrons can

save considerable money in both the short and long term.

For instance, a recognition award that is a custom work order costs \$175. A squadron member who makes it herself with specially ordered materials would cut the cost by \$12. Or a squadron member who does it himself with available materials would cut the cost by \$132.

With a member trained in woodshop, matting and framing, a squadron can easily recover the cost of training their member and begin using the money saved for other things!

For more information, call Skills Development at 512-3726.

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It's Cool

Summer Fest

Free Annual Wing Picnic

Aug. 25, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

✿ KBSG Oldies Road Show ✿

✿ Prizes Galore ✿ Inflation Games ✿

Open to the entire McChord community.

Bring your family!

This is an ATWIND event.

Be sure to pick up your game piece!

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Fifth Annual

JAMAICAN

WAVE

Beach Party

Reggae music with Pookela Street Band

Friday, Aug. 18, 8 p.m.—midnight

Hide-Away Pub & Deli

Games, contests, prizes

\$4 at the door; \$3 club members. Call 984-2795 for info.

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Are big prizes coming your way?

You can't win unless you register

By **KELLY K. WETZEL**
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ATWIND has awarded more than 2,500 instant prizes during the last two months to lucky ATWINNERS who've registered to play. You could be one of the lucky ones just by taking part in any or all of the fun activities happening all over the base this month.

Remember this about the ATWIND game pieces:

ATWIND will be over in less than a month, so if you've got 'em, register 'em. If you don't have 'em, get 'em!

Here's this week's list of lucky "ATWINNERS" from McChord: ATWIND T-shirt winners this week include **Tony Bushur, Theresa Wilson, James Byrne, Kyong Brown** and **Peter Giusti**.

Camera winners include **Theodore Henkel, Brian Freeman, Colin Carr, Aloysius Moore** and **Roberta Quarm**.

Congratulations to **Kathryn Maillard** and **Nancy Wilson** for winning \$20 Services gift certificates.

There are still lots of instant prizes up for grabs, including cash, electronics, computers, exercise equipment, a ski vacation, a Cancun vacation and more. Winning is easy with ATWIND. You just have to register each of your game pieces. Register enough game pieces to get all the way around the world and you're entered to win a new Ford Focus, Ford Windstar or a vacation for four plus \$3,000.

We here at ATWIND Central can't stress enough the importance of registering game pieces if you want to win. The computer will tell you right when you register if you are a winner, so there's no catch. If you don't have access to a computer, you can register your game pieces at Sounders Lanes, the dining facility or the fitness center at their dedicated ATWIND computers. You can also register your game pieces over the phone by calling toll-free 1-888-597-9960.

Get the lowdown on what's coming up

Are you shy a few game pieces and need an ATWIND fix? Log on to www.atwind.com/bases/McChord/mcchordaug.htm for a comprehensive

list of events this month to get you over the ATWIND hump and on toward winning some pretty cool prizes.

Peel and win with ATWIND

Stop by the Strike Zone Snack Bar at Sounders Lanes or Wright Bros. Market & Grille, purchase any size fountain drink and you could be a winner! Each drink cup has a peel-off label that reveals your prize. It could be an ATWIND game piece, a free 16 oz. fountain drink or even a free pizza! Peel and win with ATWIND today!

Camp-O-Rama II offers ATWIND fun

It was so popular, they're doing it again! Camp-O-Rama returns this weekend to Holiday Park with overnight camping fun for the whole family. The event starts at noon Saturday with free camping, dessert on Saturday night, games and activities and a flapjack breakfast Sunday morning to round out the weekend. A limited amount of camping equipment is available for free use for this event. Call Adventures Unlimited at 984-2206 for details and to register.


ATWIND Hot Tip No. 7

Bring the family to Family Thunderama Wednesday for a glowin' good time at Sounders Lanes. The fun starts at 4 p.m. Don't forget to pick up your ATWIND game piece and register it right there on their dedicated ATWIND computer. Call 984-5954 for details.


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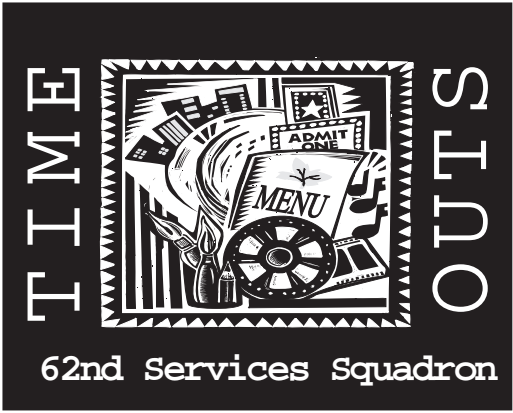








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Base Movie Theater

Come see popular movies for free

The base theater will show *Reindeer Games*, rated R for strong violence, language and sexual-ity, at 7 p.m. Saturday.

See *Romeo Must Die*, rated R for violence, lan-guage and nudity, at 4 p.m Sunday. These titles may change without prior notice.

Admission is free. Refreshments are available for purchase. IDs will be checked; those who are under age will not be permitted inside.

Youth Center

Party Night for preteens

Bring your best buddies for Preteen Fun Night Aug. 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. for games, snacks and a great time. The cost is \$2 per member and \$4 for guests.

Call the Youth Center at 984-2203 for details.

Make it a Fun Plex afternoon

The Youth Center is planning a preteen Tacoma Fun Plex trip Aug. 21 from 3 to 6 p.m. Register by Thursday and be sure to include your friends! The cost is \$11 for activities and supervision.

Call the Youth Center at 984-2203 to register.

Go to Wild Waves for a splash

Teens — get wet and wild with your friends at

Wild Waves in Federal Way Aug. 19 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The last day to register for this \$21 trip is Monday. The cost includes admission, transpor-tation and supervision.

Call the Youth Center at 984-2203 to register.

Have a blast at Teen Late Night and Barbecue

Invite your friends and come have a blast at the Youth Center's Teen Late Night and Barbecue Aug. 25 from 8 p.m. to midnight. The cost is \$3 for mem-bers and \$5 for guests.

Call the Youth Center at 984-2203 for details.

Adventures Unlimited

Take a driving tour of Vancouver, B.C.

Take a driving tour of Vancouver, B.C., with Ad-ventures Unlimited Aug. 19 from 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Your first stop is Queen Elizabeth Park over-looking the city. Next is China Town and historic Gastown. Then you will tour Stanley Park and popular Robson Street, the “Rodeo Drive of Canada.” On your return trip, you will stop off at the duty-free shop at the border and Harrah’s Skagit Valley Casino. The cost is \$38 and you must be 21 to go on the trip.

Call Adventures Unlimited at 984-2206 to sign up. This is an ATWIND event, so be sure to pick up your game piece!

Paddle Hammersley Inlet

Take a full-day kayak tour at Hammersley Inlet Aug. 20 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. This narrow six-mile-long passage connects the town of Shelton to Pickering Passage and the rest of Puget Sound. Timber was, and still is, the primary industry in the surrounding area, but oyster farms dot the tide-lands as well, providing jobs and producing some of the finest shellfish on the West Coast. This is considered a moderately difficult paddle with cur-rents that can be tricky in spots.

This tour meets at Backpacker’s Supply at 5206 South Tacoma Way to catch transportation or you can meet at the launch site. The \$69 fee includes kayak, gear, transportation and a trip leader.

Call Adventures Unlimited at 984-2206 for de-tails and to register.

Sounders Lanes

Bowling Center to close for painting

In preparation for the fall bowling season, Sounders Lanes will be closed Aug. 28 through Sept. 1 for painting. The center will reopen Sept. 2.

Call Sounders Lanes at 984-5954 for details.

Thunderama for Families is special event

Bring the whole family out to Thunderama for Families, a light and sound show, Wednesday be-ginning at 4 p.m.

You can bowl one game and win prizes! The cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for youth. This is a YOFAM and ATWIND event, so bring out as many family members as you can.

Call Sounders Lanes at 984-5954 for details.

Sign up for 3-6-9 mixed doubles tournament

Sign up now for the “End of Summer” 3-6-9 mixed doubles tournament Aug. 18 and 19. The cost is \$15 per couple and the squad times vary.

Call Sounders Lanes at 984-5954 to register.

The Club

Join the beach party wave

Do the Jamaican Wave Beach Party at the Hide-Away Pub & Deli Aug. 18 from 8 p.m. until mid-night. Be sure to wear your beach attire! There will be contests, games, food and live reggae mu-sic by the Pookela Street Band. The cost is \$4 at the door.

Call the club at 984-5581 for more information.

Calling all youth for Kid’s Call

Bring on the youth for Kid’s Call at the club Aug. 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. For children ages 12 and under, the buffet is free. All others pay \$5 admis-sion for prizes, fun and games. Children will espe-cially enjoy the taco bar with refried beans, Span-ish rice and churros.

Kid’s Call is a Year of the Family program and is for club members and family members only.

Call the club at 984-5581 for details.